

REMARKS

The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of Claims 12-14, 24-26 and 28 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 31 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 24, and accordingly, Claim 31 and its dependent Claims 32-36 are believed to be allowable.

Claim 37 corresponds to the allowed indicated subject matter of Claim 28, and accordingly, Claim 37 and the dependent Claims 38 and 39 are believed to be allowable.

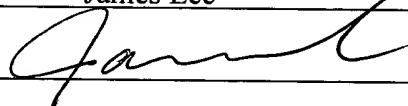
Finally, Claim 40 corresponds to the allowed subject matter of Claim 12, and it is believed that Claim 40 and its dependent Claims 41-44 are believed to be allowable.

In view of the submission of the newly drafted allowed claim subject matter of Claims 24-44, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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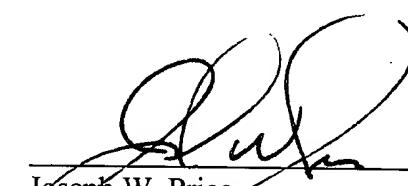


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Very truly yours,

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